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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5839
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Regional Science Centres
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Science cities set up in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to build more Science Centres / Cities / museums under the National Council of Science Museums in all the States of the country and if so, the details thereof along with their present status, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned, released and utilized to set up these Centres / Cities during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and the time by which the said centres/museums are likely to be set up;

(d) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested for balance assistance under Phase-I for the development of Science City and additional funds for Phase II of the same and;

(e) if so, the present status in regard to release of funds;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE ((IC) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) The following Science Cities have been set up by Ministry of Culture through National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an Autonomous Organisation under the Ministry of Culture.

Sl No. Names of the Science Cities functioning under NCSM State-wise location
01 Science City, Kolkata West Bengal
02 Regional Science City, Lucknow Uttar Pradesh

In addition, Pushpa Gujral Science City at Kapurtala, Punjab and Gujarat Science City at Ahmedabad, Gujarat have been set up by Council of Pushpa Gujral Science City, Punjab and Gujarat Council of Science City, Gujarat respectively with financial assistance from the Ministry of Culture.

The proposals for setting up of a Science City at Guwahati (in Assam) and Patna (in Bihar) have also been approved.

(b) The Science Cities Scheme provides for setting up of Science Cities/Centres in all the states of the country subject to availability of funds for this purpose. States desirous of setting up a Science City/Centres under the Science Cities Scheme have to submit proposals as per norms of the Scheme.

List of Science Cities/Centres proposed to be built in the country is enclosed at Annexure I.

(c) Details of funds sanctioned, released and utilized to set up Science Centres/Cities during last 3 years and the current year are enclosed at Annexure II.

The Scheme does not specify any time limit for setting up of Science Cities/Science Centres in all States/union Territories. In case of approved projects, the time frame for completion of a Science City as per the Scheme is about 54 months (approx.) from the date of start of the project. In respect of a Science Centre, the required time frame is 27 months (approx.).

(d) and (e) Ministry of Culture has sanctioned a grant of Rs 9.00 crore as assistance under Phase I for the development of Science City at Ahmedabad and this amount has already been released.

With respect to the request of the Gujarat Govt. for Phase II of the same, Gujarat Govt. has been requested vide Ministry of Culture letter dated 05.09.2016 to submit the proposal in accordance with the revised norms for setting up of Science Cities/Centres which includes a new component for upgradation of a Science City. Response in the matter is still awaited from Govt. of Gujarat.

Annexure 'I'

Annexure referred to Part (b) of reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5839 for 10.04.2017 regarding Regional Science Centres.

Details of target fixed and achievement made so far

List of Science City/Science Centre proposed to be set up in the country
Science City

Sl. No. Name of the Project Location of the project (Name of State/ Union Territory) Present status (physical)

01 Science City, Guwahati Assam Work is in progress
02 Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Science City, Patna. Bihar Project has been approved in principle. Commitments as per norms from the State Government are awaited.

Science Centres

Sl. No. Name of the Project Location of the project (Name of State/ Union Territory) Present status (physical)

1. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Palampur Himachal Pradesh Work is in progress.
2. Regional Science Centre, Kottayam Kerala Work is in progress
3. Regional Science Centre, Mysore Karnataka Work is in progress
4. Regional Science Centre, Chandigarh UT, Chandigarh Project has been approved in principle. Commitments as per norms from the State Government are awaited.
5. Regional Science Centre, Allahabad/Kanpur Uttar Pradesh
6. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Bargarh Odisha Work is in progress
7. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Udaipur Tripura
8. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Gaya Bihar
9. Sub- Regional Science Centre, Almora Uttarakhand
10. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Udaipur Rajasthan
11. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Jabalpur Madhya Pradesh Project has been approved in principle. Commitments as per norms from the State Government are awaited.
12. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Srinagar J & K
13. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Rajahmundry Andhra Pradesh
14. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Ambala Haryana
15. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Amritsar/Bhatinda Punjab
16. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Dadra-Nagar Haveli / Daman & Diu Dadra-Nagar Haveli / Daman & Diu
17. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Tumkur Karnataka

Annexure-"II"

Annexure referred to in Part (c) of reply to Lok sabha Unstarred Question No. 5839 for 10.04.2017 regarding Regional Science Centres

Statement showing details of funds released and expenditure incurred for setting up of Science Cities/Centres during the last three years and current year.

Sl.
No. Name of the Science city/centre Funds sanctioned
(project cost) 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18
Fund released Utilisation Fund released Utilisation Fund released Utilisation Fund
released Utilisation

1 Science City, Kolkata 6993.00 395.00 713.90 339.00 954.14 2661.00 1302.64 NIL NIL
2 Science City, Guwahati, Assam 11000.00 - 1.49 66.670 7.07 - 3.47 NIL NIL
3 SRSC, Palampur 600.00 100.00 1.22 150.00 41.15 - 40.90 NIL NIL
4 RSC, Kottayam, Kerala 1450.00 100.00 23.73 - 174.20 - 209.76 NIL NIL
5 RSC, Mysore, Karnataka 1450.00 100.00 7.81 - 117.03 - 27.84 NIL NIL
6 SRSC, Udaipur, Tripura 600.00 170.00 39.26 - 88.42 135.00 97.06 NIL NIL
7 SRSC, Bargarh, Odisha 500.00 50.00 39.27 - 39.10 - 82.32 NIL NIL
8 SRSC, Udaipur, Rajasthan 500.00 - - 100.00 0.15 - 0.05 NIL NIL
9 SRSC, Kokrajhar, Assam 600.00 - - 146.00 0.52 - 2.07 NIL NIL
10 SRSC, Mayabundar, A&N Island 600.00 - - 100.00 0.12 - 0.98 NIL NIL
11 SRSC, Rajahmundry, A. P. 500.00 - - 100.00 0.45 - 0.11 NIL NIL
12 SRSC, Almora, Uttarakhand 600.00 - - 100.00 0.37 - 0.76 NIL NIL
13 SRSC, Jabalpur, M.P. 500.00 - - 100.00 0.50 - - NIL NIL
14 SRSC, Gaya, Bihar 500.00 - - - 0.21 50.00 0.34 NIL NIL